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More smothering of the submarine rats!

Vermont has had three murders inside of two months. Three times and out—the business.

Wiscasset, Me., is \$200,000 worse off by reason of a carelessly dropped match. Blow it out first!

The British, it seems, have a reception committee waiting for all Germans who land on Irish soil.

One of these days Secretary Baker will be saying "more than a million" instead of "over half a million."

Ludendorff and Hindenburg are reported to be at odds—and because the allies wouldn't let through the line. It is shameful treatment for wooden idols.

If it is necessary to raise the age limit of the draft to 40 years in order to win this war the United States government and the people in it will not hesitate to do so.

The same bug seems to be attacking New Haven, Conn., that recently infested St. Albans. The railroad property firebug is one of the worst of the species to be dealt with.

The closing of its railroad by reason of the war puts Mount Washington in New Hampshire on the same basis as Mount Mansfield in Vermont. The summit is still accessible for those who have motors of human or machine variety sufficiently strong to take them there. The reward will be all the more appreciated, too, once they get to the top by such means of conveyance.

If the reports be true, that the United States will not be in position to deliver any big guns to its army in France this year, someone ought to be fired whether he is a "big gun" or not. With a year's chance the government shops, or the shops working under government contract, ought to have been able to turn out a fair amount of heavy ordnance by this time. If there has been too much pottering about, there should be no computation about changing the heads of the service.

It does not seem possible that the 13 other counties in Vermont have produced so many voluntary enlistments for war service that their credits have reduced the draft call for them so far below the call upon Washington county. Men have been self-inducting frequently from Washington county and yet the county is called upon to furnish more than one-fourth of the entire quota of the state of Vermont in the draft this month. As one of the largest counties in the state, Washington county expects to furnish a large part of the soldiers, but it is not so large that it seems like an equitable apportionment for this one geographical section to furnish more than a quarter of any single state quota in view of the fact, too, that men have been constantly enlisting in some branch of the service of the United States. It seems unjust to ask Washington county to supply 161 men of the 305 men who are expected to go into camp during the latter part of the month. There have been reports that no credits have been given to Washington county for many enlistments through confusion in transfer of information. That should be thoroughly looked into in order that no injustice may be done.

NO SWAPPING HORSES.

The decisive manner in which the Lloyd George ministry was sustained in the House of Commons on Thursday convinces one that the British people are set upon the one object of winning the war and that they will not be drawn aside from that purpose by matters which are really of no great concern. The British people as represented in the House of Commons no doubt feel that the government at present in charge is one of the smoothest working organizations they have been permitted to live under for some time and they are not disposed to oust them for minor indiscretions or on extraneous charges which are only partially proven. Taken in the main, the Lloyd George ministry has been conducting its part of the allies' war program with considerable success; and it would not be wise to remove them for any dispute which may have arisen between personages in the government. That viewpoint was taken by a decisive majority in the House on Thursday. The vote of approval is received with satisfaction in the countries which are allied to Great Britain because it signifies that the present policies in the conduct of the war will be continued without discord among the nations which are fighting the battles of democracy. Thus, having weathered this storm, as he has weathered several more during his ministry, Lloyd George is left free to go on in the administration of the well established policies.

THE SUCCESS AT OSTEND.

The full extent of the success of the allied navies in blocking the German submarine bases on the Belgian coast is not

yet apparent; but if the official reports of the British admiralty and the admissions made from Germany are any basis for judgment it seems that the prediction of the U-boat peril being largely nullified by mid-summer will be realized. It was said months ago by the officials of the British admiralty that the peril of the submarines would be in great measure removed by August, but it was left to the imagination of the allied world just how the thing was to be accomplished. The attacks on the bases at Zebrugge two weeks ago and the daring effort against Ostend last night are the answers to the questioning of the public as to the means to be utilized for the work of subduing the undersea hosts. The base at Zebrugge was almost completely blocked in the previous attack, it is believed; and the early reports from the Ostend raid indicate that that base too has been thrown into disuse by the boldness and cunning of the allies' naval arms. The closing of these two ports would necessitate the removal of the German base of operation to points far less advantageous to the German admiralty; and it would probably mean a loss of time in getting the new base, or bases, ready for use in this branch of the German sea service. Added to those handicaps are the constantly increasing building operations of the United States by which merchant ships are put into trans-Atlantic service. It does seem that the road to success against the submarine has been entered.

MEN HAVE GOOD COURAGE.

Writes Wagoner Charles Riddle in
 Thanking Barre Red Cross.

Wagoner Charles Riddle, G. company, 101 Ammun. Train, A. E. F., has written as follows, expressing his thanks to the Barre branch of the Red Cross for articles sent, the letter being addressed to Mrs. S. N. Parker, and dated April 22.

"Just a few lines in thanks for the things you sent through the Red Cross box I received about two months ago. I would have written long ago and thanked you, but didn't know who to write to. Now I hardly know what to write, for you people get more news about what is going on over here than we are allowed to write. I suppose you know that from the letters all the boys send to their folks, and I suppose the boys have sent many a thanks to the Red Cross."

"Although some of them don't have much time to sit down and write a good letter, they hardly know what to put in it, for I know we have been having some exciting times up on this front lately. Our division came out of the trenches and then had to go right back in. They have lost quite a few men this last time, but they have made quite a hole in the German lines, and if the good work keeps up, I think all will be well, for it can't all go one way."

"We must lose some men to get some, and although I am not in the trenches, I have to draw ammunition up to them, so they can use it, and all this is done after dark, without any kind of a light to show you the road, and there is one place on the road the Germans have the range and they shoot at that place about every 15 minutes, and the trucks and horses go there at a fast clip. Several trucks have been hit and several horses killed, but they don't seem to get any men. But you can never tell, for we have the Fourth of July every night here."

SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE

Was Held By Orange County Association
 of Congregational Churches.

The meeting of the Orange County Association of Congregational Churches, held Wednesday and Thursday at East Brookfield, and favored with the best of weather and road conditions, was a most decided success. Mrs. John M. Comstock of Chelsea, one of the valued workers for missions in this group of churches, was the efficient moderator of the gathering, and the presence of Secretary C. C. Merrill of the state conference was a factor in its success. Ten churches in the towns of Braintree, Brookfield, Chelsea, Randolph, Tunbridge and Williamstown were represented by an excellent attendance of delegates.

"The Church as a Unifying Force in a Divided World" was the central theme discussed by a number of speakers, notably Dr. George L. Cady of New York and Dr. Charles S. Riggs of Constantinople, Turkey, who addressed a crowded congregation at the Wednesday evening session. That our American democracy needs to be more deeply imbued with the spirit of Christ and of Christian fairness, and that a democracy so imbued is demanded in the solution of our own race problems, especially in the South, was the vital part of Dr. Cady's discussion of the question, "Can the Church Make Democracy Safe for the World?" Telling points and illustrations from his own observations in contact with the colored people in the South and among the new colored soldiers in the camps drove home the need for this along educational and other lines.

Dr. Riggs, in most interesting fashion, visualized conditions among the various races in Turkey, with their inherent antipathies, and the work of the Christian missionary in dispelling these antipathies and replacing them with the spirit of Christian fraternity. He, too, cited facts from personal knowledge to prove the missionary the true exponent of Christian internationalism.

At the Thursday morning session, resolutions affirming confidence in and loyalty to the government in the prosecution of the war were heartily voted, as were those acknowledging the cordial hospitality of the East Brookfield church, which entertained the association for the first time.

Production of Platinum in the United States in 1917.

According to figures compiled by J. M. Hill of the United States geological survey, department of the interior, only 695 ounces of crude platinum was sold by placer mines in 1917. This is less than the sales in 1916 by about 100 ounces. The imports of crude platinum amounted to 31,221 ounces, not counting the 21,000 ounces of Russian crude platinum which was received by the government late in December.

During 1917 refiners made about 33,000 ounces of platinum, 4,800 ounces of palladium, 833 ounces of osmium, and 210 ounces of iridium, which can be called "new metals." Of this amount about 7,400 ounces probably originated from domestic materials.

The saving of scrap platinum of all classes resulted in much larger recoveries of secondary platinum metals than in previous years, a total of 72,000 ounces being recovered, as compared with 48,000 ounces in 1916.

MONTPELIER

Overseer G. E. Lackey and Health Officer William Lindsay held a conference Thursday afternoon with Major Harvey Goodell at Governor Graham's office relative to the complaints made by John Sexton as to his care at the Hampshire county tuberculosis sanatorium. From their remarks, when the conference was completed, it was indicated that they were satisfied that Sexton's complaints were without foundation. Major Goodell read to them correspondence showing that Sexton was homesick at the institution. He also read to them the report of a woman who knows how such institutions should be conducted, and in which she gave a very favorable report, making special reference to Sexton and his actions at the institution. Sexton claimed that a Burlington woman was to leave, for lack of what he termed proper care, but correspondence from the family and two disinterested persons in Burlington showed that she wanted to go back to the place after a short time at her home, some months ago. Major Goodell made an effort to draw out the exact complaints which Sexton made, but none were forthcoming, excepting as to food preparation, but in view of the fact that one of the city representatives stated that Sexton had gained from 118 to 141 pounds while he was at the sanatorium, that complaint was nullified. From remarks made by the same persons it appears that Sexton was more homesick than anything else. It is possible, if arrangements can be made, that he may be sent to some other institution.

C. J. Wilson, superintendent of the industrial school at Vergennes, has been appointed by Gov. H. F. Graham as a delegate to represent the state institutions of Vermont at the national meeting of social workers in Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Wilson is new in the work and the delegating of him to attend that meeting will give a boost at the time when it will be beneficial to him in his work. The conference is May 15 to 22.

Michael Nolan of Brattleboro appeared in city court Thursday evening on a charge of intoxication, to which he pleaded guilty and, not being able to pay a fine, was sent to the county jail for 20 days.

A rare musical treat will be afforded to all lovers of classical music by the organ recital to be given at Bethany church, Montpelier, next Sunday evening at 7:30 by W. A. Briggs. Mr. Briggs has been organist of Bethany's fine organ for many years, and has thorough command of the instrument. He is one of the foremost concert organists of Vermont. The program consists of "Toccata and March" Briggs' second organ concerto; Beethoven's "Andante" from the "5th Symphony." This symphony is the best of the nine symphonies of the great composer. Mr. Briggs will play Von Weber's finest composition, "Overture Eury-anthe"; two selections from Tchaikovsky, illustrating Arabian and Chinese music; Wely's "Concert Offertoire No. 4." This is Wely's greatest work and was played at the dedication of the great music hall organ by John S. Wilcox, then the foremost organist in America. The program will also present Dvorak's great "Largo" from the "New World Symphony," the theme of which is said to have been taken from an original melody selected from the Iowa Indians. The concluding numbers are Mr. Briggs' wedding march and the intermezzo from "Mile. Rosita." There is no admission fee for the recital, but a silver offering will be taken for war philanthropies.

Sergeant Ralph E. Brown, who is mentioned among the men in France as having recently been awarded the service medal by the government of France, is a St. Johnsbury boy, according to the records of the adjutant general's office.

Charles F. Heath of Burlington has been appointed by Frank C. Williams as assistant bank examiner, and will begin his duties, if he accepts the appointment, within a few days. He takes the place of Mr. Lorimer, who is in the draft in Orleans county. Mr. Heath has been assistant to the treasurer in the Burlington Trust company, and has been employed by the bank for some years.

Mrs. Sarah D. Hill, 78 years, died at the home of Mrs. Charles Willis during the night, following a long illness. She was a native of Clinton, N. Y., where she was born on Sept. 25, 1839, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fordham. Her husband, Daniel Hill, died some years ago. The family have lived in this section for a long time. She is survived by four sons, Myron Hill of Montpelier, George Hill of Waterbury, Howard R. Hill of Worcester, Mass., and Frank Hill of Calais, and by one daughter, Mrs. Willis, with whom she lived. It is expected that the funeral will take place Sunday.

Frank Hammill, speaker of the House of Representatives in Rhode Island, Duke W. Flint, New England agent for the Ford tractor, H. J. Flint, and Arthur Wesden of Providence, R. I., arrived here last evening from Portland, Me., where they held a conference with the governor of Maine relative to Ford tractors, on Thursday morning. They met Gov. H. F. Graham this afternoon on the same matter, and left this afternoon for Concord, N. H., to meet Gov. Keyes this evening or to-morrow morning. Henry Ford has offered to place 1,000 tractors in New England states, these tractors to be distributed among the farmers at the cost price, the same price that the English government pays, the stipulation being that if the farmer cannot keep it moving all of the time he may leave it from day to day to associate farmers. Mr. Ford offers this to help in the farming of this year to grow more crops. The delegation has met with success with the governors seen to date, and were assured this morning that Gov. Graham would add his influence in the matter. No commissions are charged in the distribution of the tractors.

Now in the Dodo Class.
 Of the beasts familiar to us in our youth, two, at least, have become extinct. One was the "consecrated cross-eyed bear" we used to sing about in Sunday school; the other that creature of wonderful speed and endurance, the "equator," or "monogerie lion" that ran around the earth.—Boston Transcript.

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 Senseless thing to do.
 And to rouge the two-lips,
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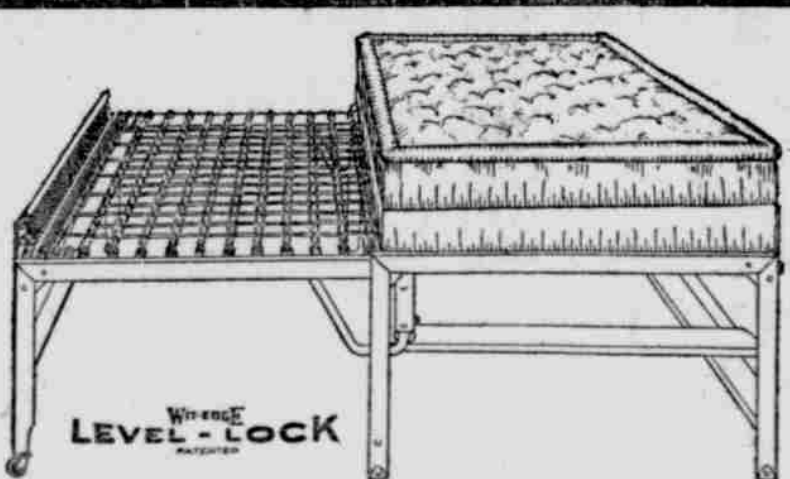
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